

Westfield City Council September 13, 2010

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday September 13, 2010 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were John Dippel, Steve Hoover, Bob Horkay, Ken Kingshill, and Bob Smith. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Deputy Mayor Bruce Hauk, Clerk-Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel Brian Zaiger.

Vice President John Dippel called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Smith made the motion to approve the August 9, 2010 minutes as amended. Steve Hoover seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Guest:

Sharon Williams spoke regarding the 2011 Budget. Vice President Dippel asked Ms. Williamson to hold her comments for the public hearing portion of the 2011 Budget agenda item.

Claims:

Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance 10-19: Text Amendment to Bridgewater PUD for Wall Signage in the Bridgewater Marketplace

Introduction – July 12, 2010

APC Recommendation –August 16, 2010

Second Reading –September 13, 2010

Adoption Consideration –September 13, 2010

Kevin Todd explained that this was introduced a few months ago and a public hearing was held at the Advisory Plan Commission meeting in August. It comes before this Council with a unanimous positive recommendation from the Advisory Plan Commission. He went on to explain that this is an increase in signage that is consistent with the standards that apply to similar businesses.

Ken Kingshill made the motion to approve Ordinance 10-19 as presented. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:46P.M. Hearing no one the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47P.M.

This will come back for consideration September 27, 2010.

Deputy Mayor Hauk asked that Ordinance 10-17 be heard before Resolution 10-11.

Ordinance 10-17: Budget 2011

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Public Hearing – September 13, 2010

Second Reading – October 11, 2010

Adoption Consideration – October 11, 2010

Greg Guerrettaz Financial Consultant with Financial Solutions described the budget process and explained the impact that the economy has been everywhere, not just the City of Westfield.

He applauded the effort of the City of Westfield in cost savings over the past three years.

Mr. Guerrettaz demonstrated a cost savings with a zero based budget. He described the last three year's budget. Councilor Kingshill asked what percentage operates on a zero based budget in Indiana. Mr. Guerrettaz has seen about 20% with about 50% operating in some form of a zero based budget.

Some of the challenges that everyone is facing is health insurance increases, operating expenses on a day to day basis, as well as grant opportunities.

A competitive bid process has helped to keep costs down in the City of Westfield.

Mr. Guerrettaz also described the Excess Levy and the purpose of the appeal. This is capped at one million dollars although not anticipating the amount necessary.

He also explained that the City Sponsored events were put in to the City Council budget which is what the 37% increase is.

Vice President Dippel opened the public hearing at 8:10P.M.

Sharon Williams asked if there were going to be any wage increases. Mayor Cook and Vice President Dippel said no with the exception of the above mentioned of job upgrades.

The public hearing was closed at 8:12P.M.

New Business:

Kalorama Park PUD Amendment

Introduction –September 13, 2010

Community Development Director Matt Skelton showed the Council the location of the proposed PUD. He also explained that this amendment only changes the legal description to show the 30 foot right of way that will be dedicated to the City of Westfield. This is a basic rezone with no transfer of any interest. After some discussion the Council's consensus is to send this PUD amendment to the Advisory Plan Commission.

Viking Meadow PUD Amendment

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Planner Kevin Todd introduced Attorney Steve Hardin with Baker and Daniels Law Firm representing Pulte Homes. Mr. Hardin introduced Dave Compton from Pulte Homes and gave a brief review of the available property and new ownership being proposed. He also announced that the first meeting with adjoining residents will be held this week.

Vice President Dippel asked Mr. Compton for a brief summary of what product is being proposed and some assurance of protecting the current home owner's investments.

Mr. Compton explained that Pulte has been in business for over 50 years as an established business. He is sensitive to the current homeowners and will take in account the conversations and suggestions that come out of the meetings. Pulte is committed to preserve the stabailtiy of the owners by completion of this PUD. Although Pulte is enthusiastic they are cautious of being fiscally responsible.

There were some questions regarding Parcels E and F. The original developer had plans for selling those to another developer. Pulte has been in some discussions with another party that has built in the Westfield area and if control is gained through the process Pulte would plan to do the same with a mixed use product.

Councilor Hoover asked if the proposal included parcels A through F. Mr. Compton confirmed this to be true.

It was Council's consensus to send this PUD amendment to the Advisory Plan Commission.
Vice President Dippel called for a two minute break.

Ordinance 10-16: Additional Appropriation

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Public Hearing – September 13, 2010

Adoption Consideration – September 13, 2010

Bruce Hauk presented the three Additional Appropriations. The first being the Cumulative Capitol Improvement Fund. This is funded by a cigarette tax that is paid to the City twice a year. This has traditionally been used primarily for Public Safety equipment purchases. The budgeted amount is \$44,000 and the additional appropriation would increase the amount to \$ 53,350. This is going to be used for the renovation of a building the City purchased and used by the Downtown Neighborhood Association and also serving as a Visitors Center.

The second is the Cumulative Capital Development and third the Rainy Day Fund. The Rainy Day fund has continued to grow and is now at One Million Eighty Five.

The cash balance is available and the administration is asking for the additional appropriations to be approved so money can be spent as prescribed by State Board of Accounts.

A public hearing was opened at 7:43P.M. Hearing no one the public hearing was closed at 7:44P.M.

Bob Horkay made a motion to suspend the rules and consider Ordinance 10-16 at the first reading. Bob Smith seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Ken Kingshill made a motion to approve Ordinance 10-16 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 10-18: 2011 Salary Ordinance

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Public Hearing – September 13, 2010

Second Reading – September 27, 2010

Adoption Consideration – September 27, 2010

Bruce Hauk presented this item while explaining the changes. There will be no merit wage increase for 2011 with the exception of four new positions or upgrade due to the repurposing of positions.

The first is a record management position in the Community Development department.

Also one new position in the Police Department is a Technical Support Analyst.

Also the shared position with the school for a School Resource Officer will have a slight increase.

In the Public Works Department there will be stipends awarded for CDL employees.

This will come back to the Council for consideration October 11, 2010.

Resolution 10-11: Appeal for Excessive Levy

First Reading – September 13, 2010

Adoption Consideration – September 13, 2010

Bob Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 10-11 as presented. Ken Kingshill seconded.
Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

Golf Cart Ordinance

Introduction – September 13, 2010

Public Hearing – October 11, 2010

Adoption Consideration – November 8, 2010

Vice President Dippel explained this process and announced the three Council members (John Dippel, Bob Smith and Rob Stokes) who will be updating this draft. He encouraged anyone that has suggestions to give this committee their input. There will be a formal public hearing October 11, 2010 looking to an adoption consideration November 8, 2010.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Cook described some of the Maintenance Improvement Plan on roadways. There will be orange notification signs placed at various maintenance projects. This will entail resurfacing, patching as well as bridge replacement on 156th Street. This road will be closed September 27, 2010 until the bridge is replaced.

Bob Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Kingshill seconded. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30P.M.



Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



President